Dear Pharmacist,

By now many of you have received letters from the Office of Drug Control Policy explaining the system that is being implemented to record PSE sales electronically in lieu of the paper log books. All retail independents as well as a few chains will utilize MethCheck Rx, a web based system that requires only an internet connection to operate. If you have attended one of our trainings or have been in contact with our office, you know that the signature requirement issue had not been finalized.

We are pleased to report that the issue has been addressed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. They have determined that a pharmacy <u>will</u> be compliant with the CMEA if they enter customer and purchase data electronically into the MethCheck Rx system and maintain a paper log of signatures. This paper log need only contain the transaction number generated by the MethCheck Rx system and the customer's signature.

We would encourage you to use the signature paper provided by the MethCheck Rx system. You can find these printable forms under the <u>Help</u> tab of the system. Just click on <u>Signature Slips</u> and then click the <u>Signature Pad</u> link located at the bottom of the page. The slips can then be printed anytime as needed.

Pharmacies that wish to begin using the MethCheck Rx system before the June 1, 2008 deadline can begin immediately and will not be responsible any longer to maintain the paper log books, except for the signature log. In order to comply with the CMEA, you must still keep each signature on file for at least two years. We recommend that you keep each page of the signature slips on file in a binder for future reference. This way, the signature slips can be accessed easily for any future law enforcement investigation. It is recommended that logs be maintained in a secure environment at the store location where the transaction occurred.

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to work with us to implement this system. By using MethCheck Rx, you are contributing to the overall success of eliminating methamphetamine lab production in communities around the Commonwealth. If our office can answer any questions or be of any assistance please call toll free at 1-888-414-6327.

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